The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019
9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Middlebury, Vermont

Our purpose: To grow in God’s love and serve Christ in all people
Our mission: To be an inclusive community awake to God in worship, learning and service
9:00 a.m. 

Holy Eucharist

Rite II

Prelude

The Lord's Morning Blues

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S 280
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

First Lesson Genesis 15: 1-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Silence

Psalm Psalm 33: 12-22

Silence

Second Lesson Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Come, Holy Spirit Hymnal 510
The Gospel


Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Silence

Holy Baptism

Officiant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents & Godparents: I present Liam Gabriel Liberty to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Parents & Godparents: I present Oona Flagg Davis to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Officiant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents & Godparents: I will, with God’s help.

Officiant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents & Godparents: I will, with God’s help.

Officiant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer: I renounce them.

Officiant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer: I renounce them.

Officiant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer: I renounce them.
Officiant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer: I do.

Officiant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer: I do.

Officiant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer: I do.

Officiant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Oona and Liam in their lives in Christ?
People: We will.

Officiant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Officiant: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Officiant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Officiant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Officiant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Officiant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Officiant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
All: Amen.

Prayers for the Candidate

Officiant: Let us now pray for Liam and Oona who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.
Officiant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Prayer Book 306

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Officiant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...

The Baptism


Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Officiant: Oona, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever. Amen.


Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Officiant: Liam, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Officiant: In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1: 78-79
People: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come from you, O Lord,
People: And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant: It is good and joyful that in your presence we give you thanks, Holy God, for you have included us in creation and made us in your glorious image. You have remembered
us from our beginning and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us, and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with angels and archangels and with all the faithful in every generation, we give voice to all creation as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Celebrant:
Most generous, self-giving God, we celebrate your gift of creation. We rejoice that you have formed us in your image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and reflect your bountiful grace.

Through Abraham and Sarah you blessed us with a holy heritage.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets that we might realize the fullness of your promise. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we failed to see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you did not abandon us to sin and death but sent Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

United with us by incarnation through Mary and the Holy Spirit, and born into the human family, he showed us the way to freedom and life. Walking among us, he touched us with
healing and transforming power, and showed us your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil and became our salvation.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to this command, O God:

Celebrant and People:

- We remember his death on the cross,
- We proclaim the resurrection to new life,
- We await the return of Christ in glory;

The Celebrant continues:

And we present to you from your creation, this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may be Christ’s Body in the world.

Remember your holy people, and, in the fullness of time, welcome us into the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, that with the Apostle Stephen and all your saints, past, present and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, O God, now and forever. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.
The Breaking of the Bread

Silence follows.

Celebrant: We are one bread, one body.
People: We will love one another as Christ loves us.

Anthem

Agnus Dei

Ministration of Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome at this table. To receive gluten-free bread or grape juice instead of wine, please inform the server at the time of communion.

Healing Prayer

Those who wish to have healing prayers are invited to join one of our priests in the Chapel after receiving communion.

Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together

Hymnal S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the

sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Hymnal 325
The Postcommunion Prayer (stand)

Celebrant: Let us pray.
People: Creator of all, you have restored us in your image through Jesus our Savior, and you have united us in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Sustain us in our lives of service as a holy and consecrated body, through Christ, our life and our joy. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ’s holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns. May the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you always.

People: Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Guide my feet Lord

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
Dismissal

Celebrant: Our worship has ended, our service begins. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Down by the Riverside

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Mary L. Botter

and

in celebration of Jessica Hoagland’s 80th Birthday

We welcome and thank “Bud” Leeds, who will play the clarinet during today’s service
Celebrant: The Reverend Larry Yarbrough
Preacher: The Reverend Carole Wageman
Ushers: Steve Sontum, Cathy/Emily Walsh
Crucifer & Eucharistic Ministers: Rex Stratton, Bo Cleveland
Lectors: Chree Perkins, Joe McVeigh  Intercessor: Liz Cleveland
Altar Guild: Liz and Bo Cleveland  Music Director: Susanne Peck
Organist: George Matthew, Jr.  Clarinetist: "Bud" Leeds
Coffee Hour: Winky Thomas, Jean Bergesen

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Welcome to St. Stephen’s!
It is our honor and pleasure to have you visiting with us today. Your presence enriches our worship. Following the service, please take a moment to sign the guest register next to the front door. After the 9:00 a.m. service there is a coffee hour for all to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Current copies of the Parishscope, the parish newsletter, are available for you to take with you.
For additional information, please visit our website at www.ststephensmidd.org.

We welcome children at St. Stephen’s!

- **Child care** is provided in the Ark upstairs from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. by one of our wonderful caregivers Suzie Klemmer and Ashley Mayo.

- **Children’s “quiet bags”** are available on the hooks at the back of the church.

- **The Chapel** at the back of the church is sound equipped for parents who wish a quieter environment for their children.

All who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to share in the communion. At the proper time the ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you desire to receive a blessing rather than communion simply cross your arms across your chest. To receive gluten-free bread or grape juice instead of wine, please inform the server at the time of communion.

Whenever a prayer or response is in **bold** you are encouraged to read this aloud.

This service uses hymnals, which are the large red books in the pew racks or on the pew itself.

In the Episcopal Church we commonly stand for prayers and hymns; you may sit if you prefer.

There is an **elevator** in the reception area opposite the Parish Administrator’s Office. Take the door next to the Baptismal Font. A wheelchair and personal amplification devices are available for those who need them. See an usher for assistance. There are restrooms on all three floors.